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For: HIGH SALT PLANTS AND USES FOR  
BIOREMEDIATION

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the final Office Action dated March 27, 2008 (Paper No. 20080319), for which a response was due on June 27, 2008. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.